(b) whether the 41st Session of the State Labour Ministers' Conference, the 30th Session of the Indian Labour Conference and the 31st Session of the Standing Labour Committee discussed various aspects of the industrial and labour laws, particularly in the economic reforms, if so, with what results/outcome thereof after discussion on tripartite basis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) In pursuance of the decision taken in the Indian Labour Conference held in April, 1990, a Bipartite Committee comprising representatives of Employers' Organisations and Central Trade Union Organisations was constituted under the Chairmanship of Shri G. Ramanujam in May, 1990 to formulate specific proposals for the New Industrial Relations Bill. The Committee submitted its report in October, 1990. Its recommendations were not unanimous. The report was considered in the Conference of State Labour Ministers in February, 1992, Standing Labour Committee in July 1992 and the Indian Labour Conference in September, 1992. The areas of disagreement in the report were also considered by a Committee of five State Labour Ministers. On the basis of these deliberations and also keeping in view the report of the Inter-Ministerial Group on Industrial Restructuring, specific proposals to amend the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 and the Trade Unions Act, 1926 have been formulated.

Recovery of Arrears under EPF and ESI

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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have constituted recently any committee to study the problems of recovery of arrears of Employees Provident Fund and Employees State Insurance Scheme;

(b) if so, who are the members and the terms of reference of the committee;

(c) by when the committee is expected to finalise its report;

(d) what is the total arrears of PF and ESI pending to be recovered in the country as on date and out of it, how much is recoverable along with the dates from which they are due;

(e) what is the number of liquidated establishment against whom PF dues are recoverable;

(f) in cases of ESI, how many liquidated establishments are there in the country;

(g) whether there is any proposal to revamp the ESI scheme and PF scheme to make them more action oriented; and

(h) if not, what steps are being taken to remove anomalies in these schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (c) The Government has constituted on 19-7-1993 a Sub-Committee of the Consultative Committee for the Ministry of Labour under the Chairmanship of Shri Gurudas Das Gupta, M.P. The other members of the committee are S/Shri Gaya Prasad Kori, Ajoy Mukhopadhyay and K. Ramamurthy, M.Ps. The Sub-Committee will study the problems of the ESI and EPF dues and suggest suitable remedial measures for expediting their recovery. The Sub-Committee is expected to finalise its report by 18th September, 1993.

(d) As on 31-3-1993, total amount of arrears of the ESI Scheme was Rs. 178.6 crores. As on 31-3-1992, the total arrears of the EPF dues was Rs. 229.46 crores. The entire EPF and ESI dues are recoverable from the date when they fell due.

(e) 214.

(f) 250.

(g) and (h) The working of the ESI and the EPF Schemes is generally satisfactory. No serious anomaly in their working has come to the notice of the Government. However, in order to provide better services to the beneficiaries a massive computerisation programme has been launched.